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ABSTRACT

This guide contains activities from the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center programs for children ages 8 to 12 years. The multisensory activities help students improve their observational skills and utilize activity sheets, journals, and hands-on projects to involve them. Children observe, draw, and photograph animals in their natural settings and learn about a variety of urban wildlife habitats. These experiences allow students to practice skills that are important to understanding and applying information and concepts in science. Each activity begins with a focus on the science process skills that students will use. An ecological approach is employed throughout the guide to focus on the study of the relationships of living things to one another and to their environment. The chapters are: (1) "Becoming a Nature Detective"; (2) "Observing Nature in Busy, People Places"; (3) "Discovering Critters in Great Green Spaces"; (4) "Pondering Ponds & Other Wonderful Wet Places"; (5) "Exploring Backyards & Schoolyards"; (6) "Nurturing Nature Close to Home." Each chapter concludes with a list of suggested books for further reading. Contains a resource list, a bibliography, and an index. (DDR)

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